



**THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME:**

# **ASYLUM SEEKERS & OUR RESPONSE**

**A PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE DAREBIN MAYOR AND  
COUNCILLORS FOR DAREBIN RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS**

**TO LAUNCH  
THE DAREBIN ASYLUM SEEKER  
SUPPORT PROJECT – DASSP**

**THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

**SHIRE HALL, GOWER STREET PRESTON  
ARRIVE FROM 6PM FOR REGISTRATION  
STARTS 7PM – ANTICIPATED FINISH 9.30PM**

**GUEST MC & PANEL OF SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE:**

- \*SHARON FIREBRACE, Indigenous Communities**
- \*BRIGID ARTHUR, The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project &  
The Australian Council Of Churches Refugees Taskforce**
- \*JEFF SPARROW, Editor Overland Magazine**

**& LIVE PERFORMANCE – KOMMONGROUND  
WITH PHIL CARROLL & KAVISHA MAZZELLA**

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## **PROGRAM**

1. Welcome by Ian Smith, MC; and Reflection
2. Kommonground Performance
3. Darebin Councillors Reaffirm The Refugee & Asylum Seeker Welcome Zone
4. City Of Darebin CEO Reaffirms Welcome Zone on behalf of All Darebin Staff
5. Acknowledging The Council/DECC MOU & Partnership
6. Welcome By DECC Deputy Chairperson & Acknowledgement of Guests
7. **The Panel:**
  - Sharon Firebrace, Indigenous Communities
  - Sr. Brigid Arthur, The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project & The Australian Council of Churches Refugees Taskforce
  - Jeff Sparrow, Overland Magazine

## **Q & A**

8. Acknowledgement of Panel Speakers
9. Voices of Asylum Seekers in Darebin

## **The Darebin Community Response:**

10. Launch of the Darebin Asylum Seeker Support Project (DASSP)
11. Launch of the Darebin Asylum Seeker Welcome Lounge
12. Launch of the DASSP Story Telling Project
13. Launch of Darebin's Donations for Asylum Seekers Website – an initiative of the Darebin Neighbourhood Houses Network
14. Presentation of Letters from the Heart to Children in The Cage
15. Launch of the Darebin Community Passport:
  - Acknowledgement of Partners
  - Presentations to Recipients
16. Launch of **Darebin Community Movement for Asylum Seekers**
17. Special Presentations:
  - Mrs Hanh Le and the Vietnamese Community of Darebin
18. Final Acknowledgements and Close of Meeting

**Supper & Refreshments will be available**